

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

January 7, 2014

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) is proposing major revisions to the Marina del Rey Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulation, which if adopted, would have significant economic impact to the County and its constituency in and around the marina.

The original Marina del Rey Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL came into effect in 2006 as result of a federal consent decree between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and several environmental organizations. Since that time, the County, along with other responsible agencies, has taken steps to improve the quality of urban and stormwater runoff into the marina. The estimated total cost to comply with the original TMDL is estimated to be in the tens of millions of dollars.

As a jewel of Los Angeles County with world class recreational amenities and a vibrant local economy, the preservation of Marina del Rey Harbor's ecological integrity is a priority of this Board. At the same time, efforts to restore or enhance this valuable environmental resource must be based on a balanced approach and sound science.

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The proposed revisions to the TMDL include new requirements to address (1) copper leaching from boat hull paint by 2024 and (2) potentially contaminated sediment in the marina by 2029. Both deadlines appear to be infeasible at this time. With respect to boat hull paint, no mandatory requirements should be imposed that would put Marina del Rey Harbor at a competitive disadvantage to other marinas in the region and until viable product alternatives are readily available in the marketplace through a statewide legislation. With respect to potentially contaminated sediment within the harbor, remedial action, which could cost on the order of hundreds of millions of dollars, should be considered after all external contaminant sources have been addressed, and the extent and magnitude of sediment contamination have been fully characterized.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors oppose the revisions to the Marina del Rey Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL as currently proposed by the staff of the Regional Board.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works, in collaboration with the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Office of County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office to collectively provide written comments to the Regional Board by January 15, 2014.

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